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Happy birthday!!
Grandpa!
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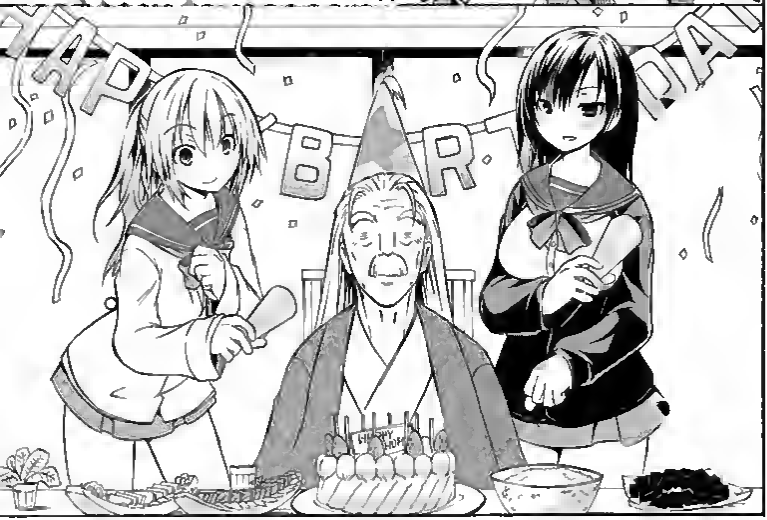
I'M YOUNG AGAAAAAIN!!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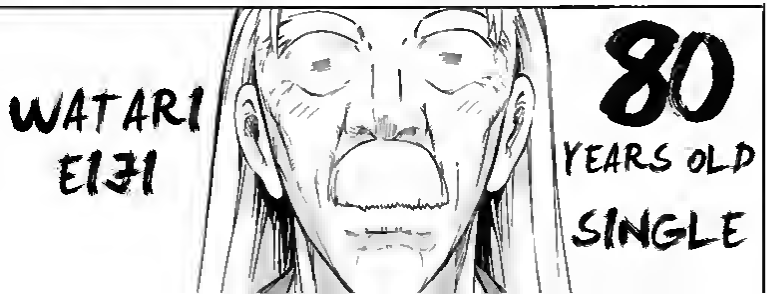
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YEARS OLD
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HOHOHOH
HOW CONSIDER-ATE OF YOU.
WHAT DO YOU WANT AS A PRESENT, GRANDPA?
KANAE...
AI...
I'LL BE HAPPY AS LONG AS THE BOTH OF YOU ARE ALSO HAPPY
AND WE'VE ALWAYS BEEN HAPPY EVER SINCE WE BECAME YOUR FOSTER DAUGHTERS.
BUT THAT'S JUST WHAT WE LIKE ABOUT YOU,
THAT'S WHAT YOU ALWAYS SAY, GRANDFA-THER...

YOU NEVER SEEM TO WANT ANYTHING DO YOU GRANDFATHER
OH, THAT'S NOT THE CASE
TO BE HONEST THERE'S SOMETHING I WANT, EVEN NOW
EH?
YOU DO?
THEN WHY DON'T YOU SAY IT?!
TELL US!
HOHO HOH..
WHAT I WANT IS-...
HWWOO OGG-HHH!!?
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HIS BREATHING AND PULSE IS CRITICAL!
HURRY IT UP!
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SO THIS... IS WHERE I CROAK...
I COULDN'T GET THAT ONE THING I WANT IN THE END..

I CAN ONLY WISH
THAT AFTER I REINCARNATE, I
WAH!
WH... WHAT IS THIS?!
GRAN...
GRAND-FAAATH-EEERR!

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I...
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!?
COULD HE BE...
WHO... ARE YOU?
EEEEEEE HHHH! HHHH! HHH?!
I'M YOUNG AGAIN-NNNN-NNN!!

HOH, IT'S SO NICE HAVING A YOUNG BODY!

HE'S FEELING REALLY HAPPY
HE'S BEEN AT IT FOR A WHILE NOW
MY BODY DOESN'T HURT ANYWHERE,
THE DRY TOWEL SKIN RUBDOWN OF HAPPINESS
MY FIVE SENSES ARE ALL CLEAR!
AND I'M SO FULL OF ENERGY!

YES, YOU ARE~
HEHEH... I'M ONE HANDSOME YOUNG LAD, AIN'T I?
DON'T BE SO SMUG ABOUT YOURSELF ~!
HONESTLY, I COULDN'T BELIEVE YOU ACTUALLY BECAME YOUNG AGAIN, BUT AFTER SEEING THIS OLD PHOTO OF YOU, IT'S SOMEWHAT BELIEVABLE NOW

HM! THE TRUTH IS, WHEN I WAS DYING, IN THOSE MOMENTS THAT SHOULD'VE BEEN MY LAST,
I WISHED THAT I CAN HAVE WHAT I'VE ALWAYS WANTED IN MY NEXT LIFE.
BUT WHY DID YOU BECOME YOUNG AGAIN IN THE FIRST PLACE?
WHAT YOU'VE ALWAYS WANTED, YOU SAY...
AND IT SEEMS THAT GOD HIMSELF HAS GRANTED THAT CHANCE TO ME!!
IN THE FORM OF REVERSING MY AGE!
HEY, WE HAVEN'T CLEARED THAT UP. WHAT IS IT, REALLY?
HEH... THAT THING IS...

It's LOVE!!
A GIRL FRIEND!!!!
Or rather...

I can feel your breasts with my elbow, you know?
I'VE ALWAYS DREAMT OF IT!!
THAT'S A VULGAR DESIRE! WHERE DID YOUR "DON'T WANT ANYTHING" SELF GO?!
LINKING ARMS, GOING ON DATES, AND SUCH...
NONSENSE!
NOW THE SPRINGTIME OF MY LIFE HAS COME!!
AH... GRANDPA, YOU'VE NEVER DATED A GIRL IN YOUR LIFE BEFORE, HUH?
SERIOUSLY, THAT'S NOT WHAT I EXPECTED, THOUGH RIGHT, KANAE...

If only you had said those words sooner!!
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WHAT THE-?!
ビクッ
NOW PLEASE ACCEPT THIS LOVE I HAVE FOR YOU!
make me happy-!
YOUR LITTLE KANAE HAD ALWAYS HELD SPECIAL FEELINGS FOR YOU GRANDFATHER
YES... I LOVE YOU AS A MAN!

NOOO WAAAAYY!!!
NO MATTER HOW BAD I WISH FOR A GIRLFRIEND, I WON'T GO AS FAR AS TO LAY MY HANDS ON MY OWN FAMILY.
THAT SHIP SANK BEFORE IT EVEN SAILED!!
OF COURSE!
WELL, MAYBE NOT SO MUCH OF A TYPE...
B-BY THE WAY, SPEAKING OF A GIRLFRIEND, YOU HAVE YOUR OWN PREFERENCES AND TYPE, RIGHT?
BUT I HAVE THIS IDEAL WOMAN FIGURE IN MY HEAD!
WOW!

CHILD HOOD
IT WAS BACK THEN WHEN I WAS A YOUNG CRETIN...
THE SMALLER VERSION OF YOU IS SO ADORABLE~
YOU'RE ALIVE AGAIN!
THERE WAS A WOMAN LIVING IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD CALLED "HANA-NEECHAN"...
SHE WAS NOT GAUDY, BUT SHE IS CHEERFUL AND BRIGHT...
SHE'S AS BEAUTIFUL AS THE SUN, I SAY...

SHE IS TRULY THE PERSON I ADORE, YET...
ONE DAY, SHE MOVED AWAY SOMEWHERE AND I HAVEN'T SEEN HER SINCE.
EVER SINCE THAT DAY, I HAVE NEVER FORGOTTEN ABOUT "HANA-NEECHAN".
BUT THEN TIME PASSED AND I TURNED INTO AN OLD FOGEY WITHOUT ME REALIZING IT.
WOW!
THAT SOUNDS ROMATIC!
KANAE! YOUR FACE! FACE CONTROL!
OH, I'M SURE SHE'S A SUCH A DARLING...
YET, I'VE REALIZED IT.
NOTHING WILL COME FROM DWELLING ON OLD MEMORIES.

THAT REALIZATION CAME A LITTLE BIT TOO LATE, THOUGH.
The "I'm here for you anytime" pose.
EVEN IF HANA-NEECHAN IS NO LONGER HERE,
IT'S FINE AS LONG AS I CAN FIND ANOTHER WOMAN AS LOVELY AS HER!
I AM OFF TO LOOK FOR MY SECOND HANA-NEECHAN!!
SURE, BUT PLEASE CALM DOWN, GRANDPA!
THAT IS WHY--!!

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THIS DOESN'T FULFILL MY EXPECTATIONS FOR A FATEFUL ENCOUNTER!!
WHY IS IT?!
THAT'S BECAUSE YOU WENT TO THE PLACE WHERE YOU USUALLY PLAY GATEBALL OUT OF HABIT.

SHIBUYA!!
SHIBUYA AND HARAJUKU OFTEN COMES IN MIND
?
IF YOU WANT TO MEET YOUR SPECIAL SOMEONE, THEN YOU SHOULD GO TO A PLACE WHERE YOUNG PEOPLE GO
A PLACE WHERE YOUNG PEOPLE GO YOU SAY?
I USED TO GO TO SHIBUYA OFTEN BECAUSE OF MY WORK!!
WAIT FOR ME, MY SECOND HANA-NEECHAN!!
I'M COMING TO PICK YOU UP!!

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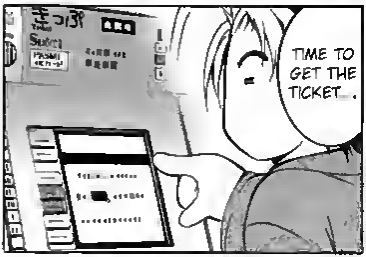
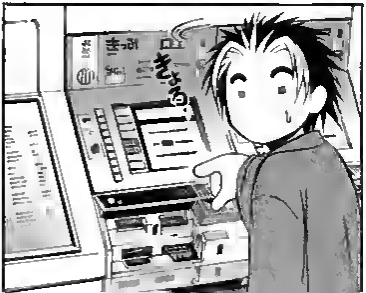
NOOOOOOOO
WHAT AN OVER-SIGHT!!
WELL, YOUR DRIVER'S LICENSE LOOKS LIKE THIS, SO THERE'S NO WAY IT'D LOOK VALID FOR YOU
SHAME WITH THAT AMAZING CAR OF MINE, WOMEN WOULD EASILY FALL FOR ME
HAH... WHAT AN OLD MINDSET.
EH, WHAT'S WITH THAT REACTION?!

I CAN'T BELIEVE WOMEN NOWADAYS ARE NOT IMPRESSED BY CARS...
THE TIMES HAVE MUCH CHANGED.
ANYWAY, IT SEEMS I'LL HAVE TO TAKE THE TRAIN OR THE BUS NOW.


TIME TO GET THE TICKET...



I WONDER, WHEN WAS THE LAST TIME I RODE THE TRAIN..
LET'S SEE, TO GET TO SHIBUYA.
HM, IT'S PRETTY FAR..

HOW CAN YOU BUY THE TICKET WITHOUT THE PRESENCE OF BUTTONS?!
DO I TRANSFER MY THOUGHT WITH TELEPATHY? IS THAT IT?!
WHERE ARE THE BUTTONS?!
<-- the one he remember using
PEOPLE ARE WAITING...
UGH!!
("SUIKA" MEANS "WATERMELON" IN JAP)
WHAT'S YOUR PROBLEM?!
DO I LOOK LIKE I NEED A FRUIT RIGHT NOW?!
EH?!
UH... WITH A TICKET OR SUICA?
N... NO OTHER CHOICE!
YOUNG ONE! HELP ME GET A TICKET TO SHIBUYA!!

HNN...
SO THAT WAS ONE OF THEM "TOUCH SCREEN" THINGS...
NO MATTER, I GOT THE TICKET IN THE END, ALL'S WELL
I KNOW THIS...
THIS IS THE "AUTOMATIC TICKET GATE"!
GUH!!
I WON'T EMBARASS MYSELF FOR A SECOND TIME...
I SHALL OBSERVE HOW OTHER PEOPLE OPERATE IT FIRST...

IMPOSSI-
BLEEEE!!
EVERYTHING'S SIMPLE AFTER YOU GRASP ITS WORKINGS--
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I SEE!!
WHAT, SO TICKETS GO INSIDE THIS ONE..? THIS IS ALL SO CONFUSING...
AWHOOOA?!
WHAT'S UP WITH THIS GUY, SERIOUSLY...
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I... I'VE SOMEHOW REACHED SHIBUYA, BUT...
I FEEL SO EXHAUSTED ALL OF A SUDDEN...
JR 渋谷駅
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ENJOY

NO... IT DOESN'T MATTER, ME!
I'VE FINALLY ARRIVED IN SHIBUYA!!
PI-K
HAH, I DIDN'T EXPECT TO BE INTIMIDATED BY AN OLD MAN JUST FROM SITTING IN A TRAIN
You!!
THOUGH MY BODY HAS BECOME YOUNG AGAIN, MY MIND DID NOT
FROM THIS MANY TO CHOOSE FROM, MY SECOND HANA-NEECHAN SHOULD BE EASY TO FIND...
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TAKE A GANDER! THERE CERTAINLY IS AN ABUNDANCE OF LASSES IN THIS PLACE!

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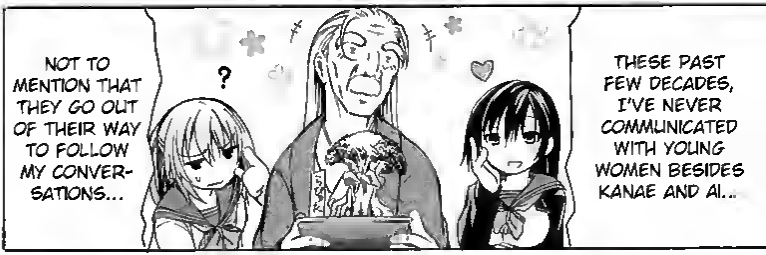
I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT I SHOULD SAY TO THEM!!


NOT TO MENTION THAT THEY GO OUT OF THEIR WAY TO FOLLOW MY CONVERSATIONS...
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THESE PAST FEW DECADES, I'VE NEVER COMMUNICATED WITH YOUNG WOMEN BESIDES KANAE AND AI..

WITH MY 80 YEARS OF LIFE EXPERIENCE, I SHOULD BE ABLE TO BRING AND KEEP UP A LIVELY CONVERSATION...!!
NO... NO! I MUSN'T LOSE MY NERVE!

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EEEK!
HUUUH?!
MISS-
I'm in the middle of a call!
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IGNORE
HEY, LADY!
WHAT AM I DOING WRONG...?
I'VE NEVER PICKED UP WOMEN BEFORE SO I MIGHT'VE UNDERESTIMATED THIS...
I COULDN'T EVEN START ONE...
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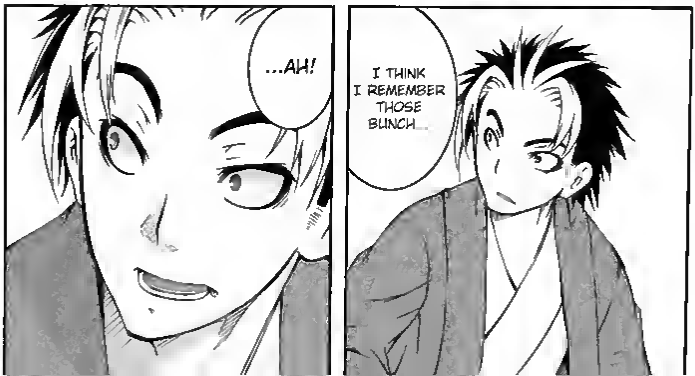
HRRRMM...
ALSO, PICK UP METHODS NOWADAYS MIGHT'VE BECOME VASTLY DIFFERENT FROM IT WAS BACK THEN...

IN ANY CASE, I SHOULD SEE AN EXAMPLE OF HOW TO DO IT FIRST.


...AH!
I THINK I REMEMBER THOSE BUNCH...

!?
HEY, AREN'T YOU LOT THE NAUGHTY KIDS THAT USED TO LIVE AROUND MY NEIGHBOR-HOOD?!

YOU KNOW THIS GEEZER?
I DON'T REMEMBER, BUT IT LOOKS LIKE I DO.
WHAT A COINCIDENCE!
WHAT ARE YOU ALL DOING IN THIS PLACE?!

OOH IT SOUNDS LIKE THEY'RE PICKING WOMEN UP!
WHAT A CHANCE!
HEY, SSH... DON'T SAY IT OUT LOUD...
DUDE... WEREN'T WE PLANNING TO TAKE A GIRL, THOUGH...

TCH.. WHAT-EVER..
P-PICK UP...?!
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TAKE ME ALONG WITH YOU! I NEED TO WITNESS YOUR METHODS OF PICKING UP WOMEN!!
ALRIGHT, IF YOU WANT IT SO BAD, WE'LL LET YOU IN.
BUT YOU'RE OUR ACCOMPLICE NOW, YOU HEAR IT?!
ACCOM-PLICE?

DUDE, IT'S A JACKPOT!
PIC! SNAP A PIC!
WHA... WH...
WHOA!
WHAT ARE YOU LOT DOING?!

!?
"WHAT" WHAT? WHAT DO YOU MEAN "WHAT"..?
YOU WANTED IN BECAUSE YOU KNOW EXACTLY WHAT THIS IS!
Goddammit!
THE MODERN WAY TO PICK UP WOMEN!!
I SEE WHAT THIS IS.. THIS IS..
I... I SEE...
IT'S NO WONDER NO WOMEN WANTED TO LISTEN TO ME...
THESE DAYS, PICKING WOMEN IS ALL ABOUT BRUTE STRENGTH...!

I'VE GOT IT NOW, THIS IS JUST LIKE THE SIGHT OF A HUNTER CARNIVORE PACK CATCHING THEIR HERBIVORE PREY!
I REMEMBER NOW THAT I OFTEN HEAR ABOUT ALL THOSE "CARNIVORE" AND "HERBIVORE" THING ON TELEVISION...
I SHALL PARTICIPATE IN THE MODERN PROCESS OF PICKING UP WOMEN!!
NOW THAT I UNDER-STAND THE SITUATION, THIS IS NO TIME FOR ME TO ACT OLD!
AFTER ALL, THIS SEEMS LIKE RAPE TO ME...
THIS SEEMS LIKE AN OUT-OF-CONTROL SEXUAL GRATIFICATION BUT IT JUST SEEMS SO DUE TO THE DIFFERENCE OF MINDSETS
Thwack!

NOOOOOO THIS IS WRONG AFTER AAALLLL!!
WHAAH?!

SHUT UP! EVEN IF THIS IS HOW YOU DO IT NOWADAYS, GANGING UP ON A WOMAN IS...
STOP GETTING IN THE WAY, FUCKER!

FROM THE PATH OF MAN!!
STRAYING FAR
凛
WHATEVER, DUDE! GO FUCKING DIE IN HELL!
HUUUH?!
The fuck you saying?!
HAVE SOME SHAME, YOU TWO!
YOU'RE THE ONE WHO WANTED TO BE A PART OF THIS!

KANJI COOL (COOL NOT AS IN "I LOOK COOL WITH THOSE FLASHY CLOTHES" BUT COOL AS IN "I KNOW REASON SO I WILL NOT RAPE WOMEN" SO I GUESS COOL HEADED OR SMTH)

KANJI BEHIND BIJI BRDAK (DR SI AM)

AND I WILL PROTECT THIS LADY WITH IT!!
I'LL SHOW YOU THE STRENGTH OF A MAN WITH 80 YEARS OF LIFE EXPERI-ENCE!!
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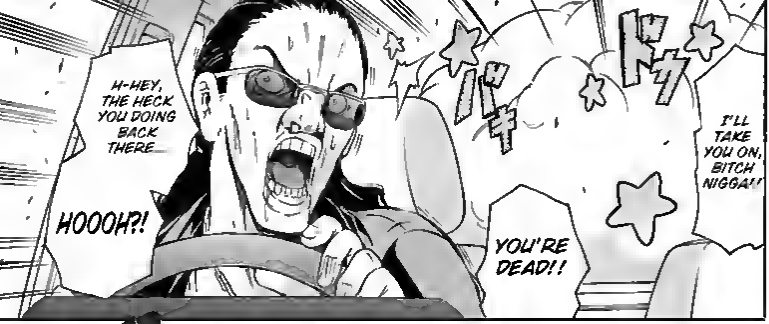
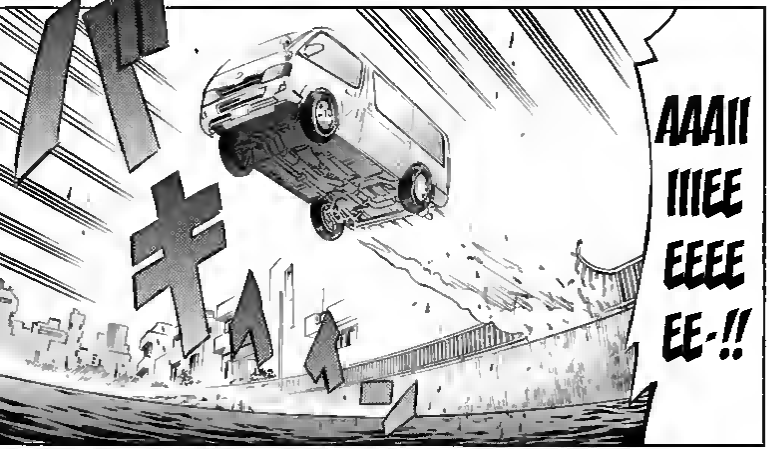
KANJI OVER WHELMING
THIS DUDE'S STRONG ...!!
IT TURNS OUT THE KARATE TECHNIQUES I LEARNED TO KILL TIME AFTER RETIRING WILL COME HANDY


H-HEY, THE HECK YOU DOING BACK THERE...
HOOOH?!
YOU'RE DEAD!!
I'LL TAKE YOU ON, BITCH NIGGA!!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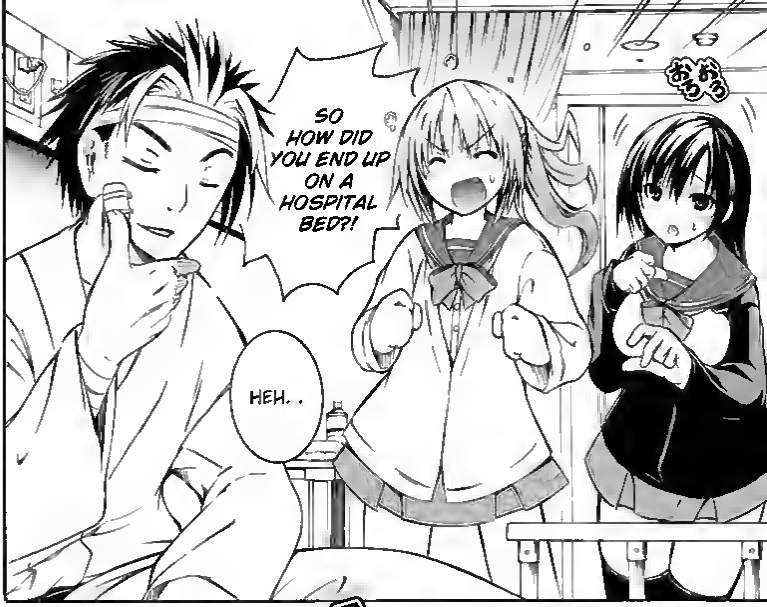
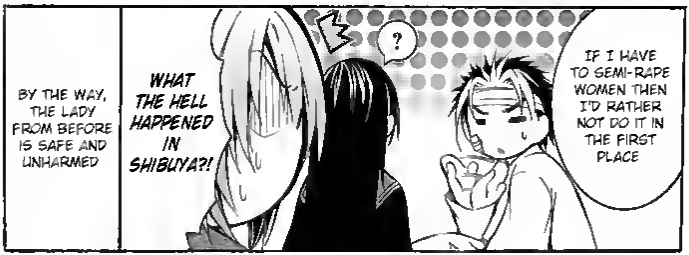
I THOUGHT YOU WENT TO MEET SOMEONE NEW...


SO HOW DID YOU END UP ON A HOSPITAL BED?!
HEH. .

AWW
I JUST TEACHED SOME RUFFIANS A LESSON IN HOPES OF RETURNING THEM TO THE RIGHT PATH
THAT'S AMAZING GRAND-FATHER
SO? HOW DID YOUR PICK-UP GAME GO?


IF I HAVE TO SEMI-RAPE WOMEN THEN I'D RATHER NOT DO IT IN THE FIRST PLACE
?
WHAT THE HELL HAPPENED IN SHIBUYA?!
BY THE WAY, THE LADY FROM BEFORE IS SAFE AND UNHARMED